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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 2 and 7 June 1954, Waldlager I (Born) was occupied to capacity by about 6,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. It appeared that tanks left the camp in an easterly direction several times during the period of observation.

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On 7 June, 6 BA-64s drove toward Letzlingen. Sedans [] drove to the camp. Several officers' dependents were quartered in the camp and in Born village.

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2. Between 2 and 7 June, Waldlager III (Born) was occupied to capacity by about 6,000 troops. [] the troops were the same as those observed in the camp last year. The installation was heavily guarded by sentries.

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3. Security measures at Camps I and III (Born) have been strengthened. According to residents, the two installations quartered about 15,000 troops on 16 June. About 300 to 400 vehicles, mainly trucks and some armored scout cars and full-track vehicles were seen on the parking lots, which were about 70 percent occupied. Soldiers seen outside the camp wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery and tank insignia.

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4. On 16 June, Waldlager II (south of Huetten) was occupied to capacity by about 4,000 troops. Soldiers observed wore tank insignia. More than 100 tanks and SP guns and about 200 to 300 other vehicles stood on the parking lots. The two four-mast radio stations previously seen north of the camp were no longer there. Four x 37-mm AAA guns stood in firing position about 5 km north of Huetten. Soldiers drilled there. Motor vehicles [] drove to the camp.

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5. Between 2 and 7 June, Waldlager II (south of Huetten) was occupied by an estimated 6,000 troops. Fresh imprints of tank tracks indicated that tank troops were in the camp. The large tank and motor vehicle parking lot west of the installation were partially illuminated. Officers' dependents were quartered in 20 to 30 small barracks in the camp. On 6 June, truck [] picked up bedcloth in Born.

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6. On 16 June, tank units were stationed in the Waldlager north of Born. Officers and soldiers wore tank insignia. On 16 June, no movements except for intensive vehicular traffic were noticed in the Born-Huetten

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7. The Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz was less heavily occupied on 17 June 1954 than it was in 1953. It quartered 4,000 to 5,000 troops. Soldiers observed in traffic to and from the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank and artillery insignia. Part of the troops was quartered in tents. About 200 trucks and track-laying vehicles were parked at the northern edge of the camp. Tank tracks led from Jaevenitz railroad station to the camp. In the training area near Barriere Zienau, troops received drill on 4 x 76.2-mm guns and about 100 other soldiers reconditioned field positions. Four T-34/85s practiced driving. The earth bunkers which had been constructed near the ammunition depot south of Jaevenitz last year were occupied by about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.²

8. A decimeter-wave station, apparently of type N, was seen west of the road fork of the Dolle-Stendal-Gardelegen roads on 10 June. Since the superstructure was of wood, the installation probably was a permanent local station. The Dolle-Gardelegen road was blocked on 10 June. Individual fire by heavy guns was heard from the area northwest of Dolle.³

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1. It appears that, up to mid-June, training activity which included theoretical instruction and individual weapons drill was carried through only in the camp areas. The motor vehicles in traffic to Haldensleben belong to units quartered in the camps.

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2. Comment. The Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz, the occupation of which was observed in mid-May, is believed to quarter units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from Stendal. records indicate that the units of the division from Gardelegen were still at the post prior to 9 June.

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3. Comment. artillery of a unit of the Third Shock Army was engaged in firing.

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